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MESSAGE**Re: Serial No. 09/470,580; Attorney Docket No. 067251.0104**

To Whom It May Concern:

Examiner Tesfamariam called our office this afternoon to inquire whether or not our client wished to abandon the above-identified patent application because a Response to an Office Action dated January 30, 2002 had not been placed on file in this application.

Our firm filed a Response to the Office Action on April 30, 2002. The Examiner requested that we send a copy of the Response along with a copy of the Express Mail mailing receipt and the return post card stamped received by the PTO on April 30, 2002 to you so that the Response is "officially" placed in the application file as a "formal" response to the Office Action in order to avoid abandonment of the application. Please place the attached Response in the official file of this application to avoid abandonment as suggested by the Examiner.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or my assistant, Donna Ulbik at 214-953-6693.

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In response to the Official Action mailed January 30, 2002, Applicants respectfully
request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following
amendments and comments.